backward regions of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Initially, ONGc propose to produce 0.15 million cubic metres per day of gas in the Krishna-Godavari Basin. They have already tied up eight consumers for use of this gas as fuel. Out of these, supply of gas to M/s. Delta Paper Mills has since commenced in February, 1988. In addition 0.4 million cubic metres per day of gas has been committed for APSEB's proposed gas based power plant.

STD facility in Andhra Pradesh — towns

94. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities and towns in Andhra Pradesh which have been provided with STD facility till 31st December, 1987; and

(b) th© names of cities and towns in the State proposed to be provided with STD facility during 1988 89?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The names of the Cities and Towns in Andhra Pradesh which have been provided with STD facility till 31. 12 87 are given in the enclosed Statement, (See below).

(b) Following Cities/Towns in Andhra Pradesh have been proposed to be provided with STD facility during 1988-89';

1. Amalapuram
2. Chirala
3. Hindupur

Statement

Towns|Group of Towns in A.P. provided with STD facility as on 31.12.87.

Adilabad
Anantpur
Anakapalle
Adoni
Anapaxthy
Bhimavaram
Bobilli
Chittoor
Cuddappah
Chilakaluripet
Doweleshwaram (one way)
Duggirala
Eluru
Guntur
Guntakal
Gudur
Gudiwada
Khammam
Kompalli
Karimnagar
Kovvur
Kavali
Kakinada
Kurnool
Kothagudum
Lingampally
Mahboobnagar
Machilipatnam
Nellore
Nandyal
Nandigama
Nalgonda
Nixamabad
Ongole
Patancheru
Prodattur

Pamidi
Palakole
Pedupuram (one way)
Ramachandrapuram
Rajamundry
Ravulapalam
Secunderabad
Srikuakulam
Sangareddy
Srikalahasti
Samalkot
Tenali
Tuni
Tedepalligudam
Tirupathy (Tirumalla, Renigunta)
Tanaku
Vizianagram
Vishakapatnam (Malkapuram, Balacheruvu)
Vijayawada (Poranki, Ibrahim-patnam)
Warrangal (Hanamkona, Kazipet)

Providing Cooking Gas Facilities in Andhra Pradesh

95. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AMD NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Un starred Question 149 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) the names of cities and towns in Andhra Pradesh which have since baen provided with cooking gas faci lities till 31et December, 1987; and

(b) by when the remaining cities and towns are likely to be provided with these facilities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Out of the locations mentioned in the Statement to the reply furnished to Rajya Sabha Un-staarred Question No. 149 on the 9th November, 1987, LPG distributorships at Gannavaram (Vrjayawada U.A.) and Bhadrachalam have been commissioned in December, 1987;

(b) The process for establishment ' of distributorships in respect of the remaining locations is under way; as various steps procede the actual commissioning of a distributionship, it is not possible to indicate the exact time by which these would be commissioned.

Sites identified for Oil and Natural Gas

96. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA.- Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) How many sites were identified by the Geological Department for possible oil and natural gas in Krishna Godavari basin;

(b) how many on-shore and off shore wells have been rigged So far in this basin;

(c) how many of these wells have so far been successful;

(d) how many rigs are at present working in the on-shore and off-shore Krishna Godavari basin; and

(e) what is the estimated produc- " tion of oil and natural gas in these successful wells?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER. IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Seventy nine prospects have so far been identifier for hydrocarbons in this basin.

(b) Thirty wells onlaiid and thirty six offshore.

(c) Twelve onland and eleven off-shore.

(d) Five onland and two offshore.

(e) only one well, namely, Ka-raikal-3 has been put on early pro-Auction sytem since January 1987 and the average daily rate of pro, duction is about seven metric tonnes.